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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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To: Superintendents of School Districts Participating in Medicaid School Based Child Health Program

From: Kate McEvoy, Esq., Director of Health Services *KM*

Re: Impact of School Based Health Services Program on HUSKY Health Services

Date: April 10, 2014

Background Parents and guardians of children with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) have expressed concern that, if they give a school district permission to bill the HUSKY Health Program (Medicaid) for medical services that are provided through the school district, this will affect the benefits their children may receive under the Husky Health Program outside of school.

Clarification There is no basis for this concern. Permitting the school to bill the Husky Health Program does not change or reduce the benefits that students may receive under the Husky Health Program.

No Lifetime Caps There are no lifetime limits or caps on the amount of services that a HUSKY Health Program member may receive. If a service is covered by the HUSKY Health Program, and the service is medically necessary, the Husky Health Program will pay for it.

Medically Necessary Services The Husky Health Program pays for services that are covered and that are medically necessary for the member. This is true whether or not the school district bills the HUSKY Health Program for services that it provides through the IEP.

For example, if a student's school district bills the HUSKY Health Program for services that it provides to a student, but the parent believes that more services are medically necessary outside of the school setting, the parent may, by communicating through the family medical provider, ask the HUSKY Health Program to cover additional services. If the HUSKY Health Program agrees that more services are medically necessary, the HUSKY Health Program will pay for them. **Please assure parents and guardians that consenting to have the school district bill the HUSKY Health Program will not affect a student's access to medically necessary health services through the HUSKY Health Program.**

Questions If you have any questions about the above information please email your inquiry to DSS at DSS.SBCH@ct.gov.